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- JUDGE STEINBERG: We are on the record now. I
- believe the next witness is Mr. Blabey.
- 4 MR. ARONOWITZ: Yes, Your Honor.
- JUDGE STEINBERG: Let me note that Mr. Blabey is
- 6 represented by his own counsel, and would you please enter
- 7 an appearance?
- 8 MS. SCHMELTZER: Kathryn Schmeltzer, Fisher,
- 9 Wayland, Cooper, Leader & Zaragoza.
- JUDGE STEINBERG: Mr. Blabey, why don't you come
- 11 up here and take the stand.
- 12 Whereupon,
- EUGENE H. BLABEY
- having been first duly sworn, was called as a witness herein
- and was examined and testified as follows:
- JUDGE STEINBERG: Please be seated, and state your
- 17 name and address.
- THE WITNESS: My name is Eugene H. Blabey.
- 19 B-L-A-B-E-Y. My address is P.O. Box 92, Forestburgh, New
- 20 York. F-O-R-E-S-T-B-U-R-G-H. 12777.
- JUDGE STEINBERG: And you are appearing today
- 22 pursuant to a subpoena?
- THE WITNESS: That is correct.
- JUDGE STEINBERG: Let me just note, before we
- start, state that under 1.27, a witness who is appearing

- pursuant to a subpoena has a right to be accompanied by
- their counsel. And if, at any time, you need to consult
- with Ms. Schmeltzer, feel free to do so.
- 4 Ms. Schmeltzer, you can raise objections to
- 5 questions, and state the basis of the objections. At the
- 6 conclusion of the examination by all counsel, you may ask
- 7 any clarifying questions that you think need asking with my
- 8 permission.
- Now, that we have those ground rules established,
- who will be questioning Mr. Blabey?
- MR. ARONOWITZ: Alan Aronowitz for the Bureau.
- JUDGE STEINBERG: Okay. And you will be going
- 13 first?
- MR. ARONOWITZ: Yes.
- JUDGE STEINBERG: Okay. Why don't you proceed?
- MR. ARONOWITZ: As a preliminary matter, Your
- Honor, we have had testimony thus far has been received with
- regard to Mr. Blabey's position as the General Manager of
- 19 WJUX, formerly WXTM. And I will be asking Mr. Blabey about
- that. In addition, Mr. Blabey is associated, and we will
- 21 develop that with MMER. Accordingly, I request the Bureau
- be permitted to treat the witness as an adverse, but not
- hostile, witness. And just be permitted some leeway with
- respect to the use of leading guestions.
- JUDGE STEINBERG: You can lead.

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1 DIRECT EXAMINATION

- BY MR. ARONOWITZ:
- 3 Q Good morning, Mr. Blabey.
- 4 A Good morning.
- 5 Q I am Alan Aronowitz. We have spoken before.
- A We have met, yes.
- 7 Q You know the ground rules?
- 8 A Yes, I do.
- 9 Q For breaks, rest, anything, please just let me
- know. Any confusion, let me know. There are plenty of
- lawyers around, I am sure you can find a good one.
- 12 JUDGE STEINBERG: I think he has one.
- THE WITNESS: I think I have. Yes. Thank you,
- 14 Judge.
- MR. ARONOWITZ: Record reflecting minimal humor
- this morning. But humor, nonetheless.
- BY MR. ARONOWITZ:
- 18 Q I would just like to ask you a couple of
- preliminaries, just to set a frame of reference.
- From our discussions before, you know that I will
- 21 be referring to WJUX or WJXTM in references to the facility
- in Monticello, and also about WVOS. And you know we will be
- 23 talking about Jukebox Radio.
- So, I will start by asking you, are you a
- 25 principle of the licensee of WVOS?

- 1 A That is correct.
- 2 O And the licensee is?
- A The licensee is Mountain Broadcasting Corporation.
- 4 O Do you have any other broadcast interests?
- 5 A Not at this time.
- Q Do you have a position with WVOS, in addition as a
- 7 principle of the licensee?
- 8 A Well, I own it with my wife, who is the President.
- 9 Q Absolutely.
- 10 A I am the Secretary-Treasurer of the corporation.
- 11 Q And operationally, if you will, you are the
- 12 General Manager?
- 13 A Yes.
- 14 Q You are also the General Manager of WJUX?
- 15 A Yes.
- 16 Q Are you an employee of WJUX?
- 1.7 A No.
- Q What do you perceive your status to be?
- 19 A I have an agreement, which I think you have seen,
- and is part of the record, which is a Consultancy Agreement
- to consult with the owner of Monticello Mountaintop
- Broadcasting, Mr. Weis, on broadcast management matters.
- 23 Q In your mind, briefly, what is the difference
- between a consultant and an employee?
- A A consultant is paid on a basis of a 1099. An

- employee is paid on the basis of a W-2, and is a different
- 2 tax status as you know -- or as you may know. No Social
- 3 Security -- SSAN contributions, disability are taken from
- 4 consultants. You pay them on your own taxes. A consultant
- 5 can work for other properties and cannot -- I mean, there
- are a group of IRS tests for -- I think there's 16 tests as
- 7 to whether you're an employee or a consultant. And I
- 8 believe that we meet those tests as far as the IRS is
- 9 concerned.
- 10 Q So, are you suggesting it is really a financial
- 11 distinction? I withdraw that.
- 12 A For me, very much a financial and tax distinction.
- Q Okay. Thank you. Now, you also said that you are
- the General Manager of WJUX. Could you briefly describe
- 15 your duties as General Manager?
- 16 A Of WJUX?
- 17 O Of WJUX.
- 18 A Yes.
- 29 Q Excuse me. I really need to be more specific.
- Let's try that again.
- 21 A Okay.
- Q Maybe before we do this, if you could just
- enlighten us just briefly on the market, so we know what we
- 24 are talking about.
- 25 A Okay.

- 0 WVOS is in what radio market?
- A It is not designated by Arbitron, if you're
- talking about the designation of a market, as a market. It
- 4 is what Arbitron would call a non-metro area, and it is a
- 5 non-rated market.
- 6 Sullivan County, though, is a county of
- 7 approximately 70,000 people. It's about the same land area
- 8 as Rhode Island. It is a rural and relatively poor section
- of the southern tier of New York. There are two principle
- villages, which are located in the center of the county.
- One is Monticello that has a population of about 7,000. And
- the other is Liberty, which has a population of about 5,000.
- 13 They are approximately ten miles apart.
- There are several other smaller villages.
- 15 Populations 600, 400, et cetera and down. I think the
- smallest village is 230.
- The county is a resort driven economy. It has,
- for many years, been a second home community for people from
- the New York metropolitan area. And if you're familiar with
- the New York area, they used to call it the Borsht (sic)
- Belt. B-O-R-S-H-T (sic) Belt, where the resort hotels
- 22 catered to a predominantly Jewish population, with kosher
- food. The comedians, you know, Eddie Cantor and Milton
- Berle and Georgie Jessell and Jerry Lewis, Woody Allen, they
- all started in the Borsht (sic) Belt circuit.

- 1 It is in decline. And the big hotels, like
- 2 Grossingers and the Concord and Brown's, where Jerry Lewis
- 3 started -- Grossinger is where Eddie Fisher got married.
- 4 They're either bankrupt or closed. And the county has come
- on hard times. So, the market is rural, resort-based
- 6 economy.
- 7 The second industry is agriculture. And forestry
- is another significant industry. And Government.
- 9 Government is always a big industry, especially where you
- don't have any other kind of productive employment. You
- 11 work for the Government.
- MR. ARONOWITZ: Now, hold it, I think I am going
- 13 to object.
- 14 (Laughter.)
- THE WITNESS: And the prison system.
- MR. ARONOWITZ: Now, I am going to object again.
- 17 (Laughter.)
- THE WITNESS: That's a big factor in our economy.
- MR. ARONOWITZ: I am only joking.
- THE WITNESS: You know, I'm not joking. The
- Government is a big factor in our economy, and we're happy
- to have them, because Government money is good money.
- MR. ARONOWITZ: I hope so.
- THE WITNESS: The Government doesn't go bankrupt.
- MR. ARONOWITZ: I hope so.

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- 2 O In your capacity as General Manager of WJUX, can
- you just briefly tell us what your day involves, or how that
- 4 plays out?
- A Wes Weis, who owns WJUX or Monticello Mountaintop
- 6 Broadcasting lives in New Jersey. He's not a part of that
- 7 community -- part of the Sullivan County community. I am.
- 8 I represent the community to Wes. And we discuss the
- 9 economy. We discuss what's going on. I represent Wes to
- 10 the community.
- I'm a past president of the Chamber of Commerce.
- Monticello Mountaintop, as well as WVOS, are members of the
- 13 Chamber. I'm on the Emergency Communications Committee of
- the FCC for planning for the emergency messages. I'm the
- local Emergency Planning Commission, both representing WVOS.
- So, I represent them in the community. I represent the
- 17 community to Wes.
- I also have suggested and recruited employees for
- 19 the station.
- Q On a routine basis?
- 21 A Well, routine if you consider -- no. Not routine
- in the sense that all of the employees that we have hired
- have been suggested, with the one exception of Alan
- 24 Kirschner, have been suggested to Wes by me.
- 25 Q I will explore that with you, but I am more

- concerned just on the daily routine, the average day.
- A Okay. Well, I answer the phone. I go through the
- mail. I handle inquiries or do those that I can handle
- 4 myself, I handle myself. Those that need Wes to --
- 5 generally involving some financial matter, I send on to Old
- 6 Tappan, New Jersey, where he lives, or fax down to his
- 7 office in New Jersey. And I have, as I said, been --
- 8 organized certain programming and made decisions.
- 9 Q We will get to all that. I am more concerned
- about the daily thing.
- 11 A You asked me what I did.
- 12 Q Believe me, I appreciate that, and I will be
- 13 exploring that.
- 14 A Okay.
- On any kind of daily basis, do you have any
- 16 contact with the Jukebox Radio Network?
- 17 A No.
- 18 Q I will not say daily, but along with calls and
- mail and so on, are there occasions that you might be in
- 20 touch with the Jukebox Radio Network?
- 21 A Of course.
- Q Given that you are also the General Manager for
- WVOS, do these activities that you do for WJUX, on a daily
- basis or routine basis, take a lot of your daily time?
- 25 A No.

- O Okay. Where is the WVOS main studio located?
- A It's located on Old Route 17 in Ferndale, New York
- 3 12734.
- 4 O Is WVOS licensed to Ferndale or another community?
- 5 A No. WVOS is licensed to Liberty.
- 6 Q To Liberty?
- 7 A Ferndale is -- The village line runs down the
- 8 middle of the street. And we're on the Ferndale side of the
- 9 village line. Across the street, looking out my window, is
- the village. I mean, we're within 15 feet from the village.
- 11 O Great. And Monticello?
- 12 A Monticello's ten or eleven miles away.
- 13 Q These are all the same?
- 14 A Right.
- Q When you were talking about the radio market
- before, these are all members of the radio market?
- 17 A The transmitter is located in the town of Liberty
- midway -- not quite midway, but about midway between
- 19 Monticello and Liberty. So, the transmitter to the studio
- 20 happens to be in Liberty. But both VOS and JUX put primary
- 21 contours through both villages.
- 22 Q And the Old Route 17 Building -- Is that a
- 23 building?
- 24 A Yes.
- 25 Q Is it an office building?

- A No. It's a two-story -- It's actually purpose
- 2 built after a fire, as a radio studio.
- Q Okay. Does that Old Route 17 also serve as the
- 4 designated main studio for WJUX?
- 5 A That is correct.
- 6 Q Is WJUX a tenant of yours?
- 7 A Yes.
- 8 Q In fact, I understand that WJUX relocated to
- another part of the building, or is about to relocate to
- 10 another part of the building?
- 11 A No. They have done so. They moved to a corner of
- my basement that was being used to store old files.
- 13 O Is it an addition?
- 14 A No. They just moved downstairs.
- Q When we will be talking later about the WJUX main
- studio as it existed in 1995, it is not where they are now?
- 17 A It was on the first floor, and now on the ground
- 18 floor.
- 19 Q Is it a different or same kind of space?
- 20 A Same kind of facility.
- 21 Q Any difference between the two of any material
- 22 nature? Newer equipment? Newer anything?
- 23 A No, I don't think so. I haven't looked at -- The
- 24 equipment is about the same. My equipment is second-hand.
- 25 This is small market radio.

- Q But you are in separate quarters?
- 2 A Yes.
- 3 Q When I say separate quarters, I am referring to
- 4 1995. Were there separate quarters for WJUX main studio and
- 5 WVOS main studio?
- A Yes. The WVOS main studio was at one end of the
- 7 hall. The WJUX studio was at the other end of the hall.
- 8 The newsroom was in the middle. The hall is not that long.
- 9 Q The newsroom for WVOS?
- 10 A The newsroom for WVOS.
- 11 Q Was there any spot where WVOS, in the main studio
- at Old Route 17, where the two stations shared common areas,
- broadcasting wise? I am not talking office space. Just
- 14 studio space.
- 15 A We do, and did and continue to. I mean, if I need
- a tape recorder, and mine are fully engaged, I'm going to
- 17 use his.
- 18 Q That is certainly fair. But is the equipment
- 19 commingled? When you say you use theirs, would you go to
- another room to use their equipment, or did you somehow have
- 21 shared equipment?
- A We had shared equipment.
- Q Such as?
- 24 A Tape recorder or you know --
- Q Did you have shared studio equipment?

- 1 A Yes. Sure.
- 2 O Such as?
- A Microphone, tape recorder, whatever you need. Why
- 4 buy two when there's one sitting idle?
- 5 O Works for me. Now, I think you just suggested
- 6 Monticello and Liberty, the communities where the two
- stations are located, are considered generally to be the
- 8 same radio market. Is that correct?
- 9 A Yes. That is correct.
- 10 Q In that sense, did the two stations compete?
- 11 A Yes, I would say they compete.
- 12 O In what areas?
- 13 A For listeners.
- 14 O For listeners.
- 15 A The competition -- The demographics of the WJUX
- target market is 55 plus. I mean, they play music like the
- 17 Andrew Sisters and Dick Haymes and you know, Mares East
- 18 Oats. I run a contemporary country music station. I would
- say that there's probably not a lot of overlap between the
- 20 Shania Twain listener and the Andrew Sisters listener.
- There may be some. But when I say we compete --
- 22 JUDGE STEINBERG: I am one of them.
- THE WITNESS: You're a Shania Twain --
- JUDGE STEINBERG: Both.
- THE WITNESS: Okay. So, the Judge has said that

- there are people who have a wide spectrum, but I don't think
- we compete for the same core audience.
- JUDGE STEINBERG: I would have a rough time if I
- 4 lived up there.
- MR. ARONOWITZ: Who says we can't bring names into
- these proceedings? We have had some pretty good ones, I
- 7 want to tell you.
- BY MR. ARONOWITZ:
- 9 Q But you compete for listeners. Do you compete for
- 10 advertisers?
- 11 A Yes.
- 12 Q Have you competed for advertisers?
- 13 A I have attempted to set -- Well, let me -- I have,
- 14 as you know, a proposition that allows me to sell time on
- 15 WJUX. I have made joint proposals. I have not been
- 16 successful until -- I've not been successful in the
- 17 commercial market, although we have sold -- not on joint
- proposals, but we have sold political time. I have sold
- 19 political time on JUX and on WVOS to the same candidates.
- 20 But I -- JUX does not rank in the Arbitron listings in
- 21 Sullivan County, which is, as I said, a non-rated market.
- 22 But it does show in the county Arbitrons.
- 23 WJUX does not have a significant audience share.
- It is a very difficult sell. WVOS has been around for 50
- years. We are listed by Arbitron, at least, as the number

- one station in the community. And in the spring books, we
- 2 had twice the listeners of the second -- twice the audience
- of the second station in the community. And JUX was not
- 4 even in the top four.
- Now, this is a small community. Generally, a lot
- of business will only go to the top station or the top and
- 7 the second station. So, JUX is a difficult sell.
- When you said you made joint proposals, is that to
- 9 sell time on WJUX and WVOS?
- 10 A Yes. In other words, Wes and I talked about how
- we would relate in terms of advertising. You know, that's
- an issue that I thought about, because I'm not all that
- interested in losing, either audience or advertising
- dollars, to a station that I have no financial interest in.
- On the other hand, it occurred to me, and Wes
- thought this, that there are -- there may be a possibility
- whereby by being able to sell JUX and their segment of the
- audience with my segment of the audience, as a combined buy,
- 19 that I might have some synergies there, that might get me a
- 20 buy that I wouldn't otherwise get. I still think that that
- 21 is true.
- 22 And I think, at some point, there will be some car
- dealer or somebody -- For example, the hospital. They have
- interest in an older demographic. And the idea of putting a
- 25 package together which would involve some spots on VOS and

- some spots on JUX, I thought made an attractive package.
- 2 Selma Field, who buys for the hospital disagreed, even
- though she's a JUX listener.
- Q Did you ever make these presentations for WJUX,
- 5 exclusively?
- A No. I haven't. I could.
- 7 MR. ARONOWITZ: May I approach the witness with a
- 8 document?
- 9 JUDGE STEINBERG: Sure.
- 10 BY MR. ARONOWITZ:
- 11 Q I would like to identify for the record as Mass
- Media Bureau Exhibit 39. And I would represent, and then we
- can seek verification on a one-page document entitled,
- 14 "Jukebox Radio Advertising Rate Spec of February 1, 1995."
- 15 I represent that this item was disclosed by Mr. Blabey at
- the time of his deposition.
- 17 A Okay.
- JUDGE STEINBERG: The document described will be
- marked for identification as Mass Media Bureau Exhibit 39.
- 20 (The document referred to was
- 21 marked for identification as
- 22 Mass Media Bureau Exhibit 39.)
- BY MR. ARONOWITZ:
- Q Mr. Blabey, is this, in fact, the document you
- 25 brought on the day of your deposition?

- 1 A Yes.
- 2 O This document suggests that this was the rate card
- for Jukebox Radio 99.7 effective February 1, 1995. In the
- 4 corner logo, where it says, "Sullivan County 99.7 FM", I am
- 5 assuming that 99.7 is WJUX?
- 6 A That's correct.
- 7 O So this is --
- 8 A I think at the time it was XTM, but it is not
- 9 WJUX.
- 10 Q You are absolutely correct. Is this the local
- rates, if one were to buy an ad on WJUX Monticello?
- 12 A Yes.
- 13 Q As opposed to the Jukebox Radio Network?
- 14 A That is correct.
- 15 O Was this rate card ever used?
- 16 A Yes.
- Q Ads were sold using this rate card?
- 18 A Yes. Political time was sold. It happens to be
- 19 the lowest unit rate.
- Q The lowest unit rate for what?
- 21 A For political times.
- 22 O But it is WJUX's lowest unit rate?
- 23 A WJUX's lower and only.
- Q It is also their highest rate.
- 25 A It's also their highest rate.

- 1 Q I felt some need to say that. I do not know why.
- But these were for political ads that were sold?
- 3 A Yes.
- 4 Q When the ads at this rate, were the ads originated
- from WJUX, or were they originated on the Network?
- 6 A They were originated from WJUX. This has nothing
- 7 to do with the Network. This was WJUX.
- 8 Q So, these actually were played and aired on WJUX
- 9 locally?
- 10 A Yes.
- 11 Q Were these sent to Dumont for inclusion in the
- 12 Network?
- 13 A No.
- 14 O Excuse me. Do you know when WJUX first went on
- 15 the air?
- 16 A October -- I don't know the exact date. October,
- early November of '94. I think. I can't tell you the exact
- 18 date.
- 19 Q So, were there political ads that were sold using
- these rates between October 1994 and October 1995?
- 21 A Between October 1994 and October 1995 -- No.
- 22 Q So, when you said the political ads were sold
- using these rates, what general time frame were you
- 24 referring to?
- 25 A Recently and after '95. I had no -- We did not

- even have -- This rate card was presented to me. I did not
- 2 make this rate card up.
- JUDGE STEINBERG: That is Mass Media Bureau 39.
- 4 THE WITNESS: Okay.
- 5 JUDGE STEINBERG: Who made it up?
- THE WITNESS: Wes, I believe.
- JUDGE STEINBERG: While we are on this, I am going
- 8 to show the witness a copy of what is in the record as Page
- 9 74, which is Mass Media Bureau 2. My copy is a clean copy.
- 10 And ask if you know what that is.
- 11 THE WITNESS: I have never seen this before,
- 12 but --
- JUDGE STEINBERG: Okay. That is all.
- 14 THE WITNESS: I have never seen it before.
- JUDGE STEINBERG: Okay. Show him 74 again?
- 16 MR. ARONOWITZ: Only if it convenient to you.
- JUDGE STEINBERG: Well, he has never seen it.
- THE WITNESS: I'm interested. I'm curious. You'd
- 19 never get that rate in Sullivan County. I have a hard time
- getting \$10.50 a spot on the number one station.
- MR. ARONOWITZ: Thank you.
- JUDGE STEINBERG: This does not mean that they got
- 23 it.
- THE WITNESS: No.

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- BY MR. ARONOWITZ:
- 2 Q Are you suggesting that if you tried to sell ads
- at that rate, it would be difficult?
- 4 MR. RILEY: At which rate, Your Honor?
- 5 MR. ARONOWITZ: At the rate reflected at the
- 6 Jukebox Radio Advertising Rates --
- JUDGE STEINBERG: Page 74.
- MR. ARONOWITZ: Page 74, effective November 1,
- 9 1994.
- THE WITNESS: Apparently, that is a Network rate
- card. And it bears no economic relation to rates that one
- 12 could get in Sullivan County.
- 13 JUDGE STEINBERG: Is it also true that rate card
- rates are "negotiable?"
- THE WITNESS: In the business, absolutely.
- 16 JUDGE STEINBERG: Sort of like a car sticker?
- BY MR. ARONOWITZ:
- 18 Q In fact, the logo in the corner where it says,
- "Jukebox Radio", it says "Bergen County FM 103.1." So, we
- will assume that that is not WJUX.
- 21 A That is not.
- 22 Q To your understanding, what is that?
- 23 A Look, I presume that that is the rate that the
- Network is charging for the spots that run on the Network.
- It says Bergen County as 101. It is a rate which bears no

- relation to what anybody could get in Sullivan County.
- Q And it says up in the corner ---
- A Or it comes close to negotiation. This is a small
- 4 market, where you're dealing with little Mom and Pop pizza
- 5 parlors and things like that. You know, it's not germane to
- 6 Sullivan County.
- 7 MR. ARONOWITZ: May I approach the witness again?
- JUDGE STEINBERG: Yes. You do not have to ask me.
- 9 MR. ARONOWITZ: Okay.
- JUDGE STEINBERG: Just as long as the Reporter can
- 11 hear you.
- MR. ARONOWITZ: I am now going to put in front of
- the witness Mass Media Bureau Exhibit 35. Bates stamp 699.
- BY MR. ARONOWITZ:
- 15 Q I am just going to ask the witness to read it to
- 16 himself.
- 17 A Okay.
- 18 Q Mr. Blabey, could you read that aloud?
- 19 A It says -- It's dated September 25, 1995. "WJUX
- 20 FM Liberty Monticello is not accepting political orders" --
- it's misspelled orders, O-D-E-R-S -- "until further notice.
- 22 Eugene Blabey, General Manager."
- Q Whose decision was this?
- 24 A Wes Weis.
- Q He conferred that decision to you?